



**COLORADO**

# **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW:** Primary Offenses

## A Guide for Law Enforcement

	Under 1 year	1-3 years	4-7 years	8-15 years
Less than 20 lbs	Rear-facing safety seat in back seat only	Rear-facing safety seat		
20-40 lbs	Rear-facing safety seat	Rear or front-facing safety seat	Front-facing safety seat or booster	
Exceeds seat weight limit and 40+ lbs		Front-facing safety seat or booster	Front-facing safety seat, booster or seat belt	Booster or seat belt
	Rear-facing	Front-facing	Booster	Seat belt
Statute:	42-4-236 (2) (a) (II)	42-4-236 (2) (a) (III)	42-4-236* (2) (a) (I)	42-4-236 (2) (b)

Proper use of seat belt and booster means the shoulder belt crosses the shoulder and chest and the lap belt crosses the hips, touching the thighs.

A parent is responsible for properly restraining a child and will be ticketed if they fail to do so—even if they are not driving.

# 4 STEPS FOR KIDS - Colorado Law



**1 INFANT**

Rear-facing in child safety seat in the back seat until first birthday and 20 pounds



**3 BOOSTER**

Once child outgrows car seat with harness, use booster seat with vehicle lap and shoulder belt until eighth birthday



**2 TODDLER**

Rear or forward-facing in child safety seat from first birthday and 20 pounds until the upper weight or height limit of the car seat



**4 SEAT BELT**

Booster or vehicle seat belt from eighth birthday until sixteenth birthday in all seating positions

**Children may remain in car seats and booster seats beyond stated age as long as they fall within the seat manufacturer's installation and weight requirements for safety.**

Refer parents to: [www.carseatscolorado.com](http://www.carseatscolorado.com)



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